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SUBJECT: SUDANESE IN SEARCH OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF LT. GENERAL BASHIR MOHAMMED ALI TOLD ARMY OFFICERS SEPT. 27 THAT SOVIET UNION WOULD BUILD A MODERN MILITARY HOSPITAL HERE AND SUPPLY THE SUDAN WITH SPARE PARTS AND OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT. ALI ADDED THAT "VARIOUS MILITARY DELEGATIONS HAVE LEFT FOR INDIA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE US IN ORDER TO RAISE THE STANDARDS AND CAPABILITIES OF THE ARMED FORCE."

2. COMMENT: IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT ALI'S REMARKS, WHICH WERE FULLY REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS, WERE INTENDED AS PROOF FOLLOWING THE RECENT ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT THAT THE NIMEIRI REGIME IS RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE MILITARY. WITH RESPECT TO ALLEGED SOVIET CONSTRUCTION OF MILITARY HOSPITAL, WHICH WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF BEFORE, DEPT. WILL RECALL THAT SUDANESE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO
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REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE IN CONSTRUCTION MILITARY HOSPITAL

IN OMDURMAN (SEE KHARTOUM 1311, JUNE 7, 1974 AND PREVIOUS).
IT APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT SUDANESE TURNED TO RUSSIANS WHEN
USG FAILED TO RESPOND. AS FOR TRAVEL OF MILITARY DELEGATION
TO US, WE NOTE THAT VISA ISSUED ON SEPT. 4 TO BRIG.
OMER HASSAN AL-TOM, COMMANDER OF SIGNAL CORPS, WHO
STATED REASON FOR TRAVEL AS CONSULTATIONS AT PAGE COMMUNI-
CATIONS, VIENNA, VA., (PRESUMABLY TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF
PAGE CONTRACT FOR MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK).
FINALLY, SUDANESE DELEGATION LED BY MAJ. GEN. TAG AL-SIR
AL-MAGBOUL, COMMANDER OF THE ARMORED CORPS, LEFT ON SEPTEMBER 28,
OSTENSIBLY TO ATTEND NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS IN PEKING.
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